Pupil Application Form

**NAME OF TRIP: TONGA SERVICE AND MISSIONS TRIP 2020**

 **Wednesday 1st July – Monday 13th July**

**ESTIMATED COST: $2,400**

**SPECIFIC PURPOSE:**

* Transformative focus: To transform the worldview of pupils through discipleship, devotion, and purposeful activities. To create opportunities for pupils to experience a developing country and a different culture. To look for God outside their normal frame of reference. To find opportunities to have this transformation outworked practically when the pupils return home.
* Service focus: To leave every place we occupy better than we found it. To complete physical labour to alleviate the effects of cyclones and to be a blessing to others. Performing songs and speaking in front of different audiences. To look for opportunities for further service.
* Relationship focus: To develop relationships with the pupils and people of ACTS Community School. To continue and strengthen connections with the ‘Alonga Centre and The Mango Tree Project. To make new connections and look for other opportunities to serve the people of Tonga.

**REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants for this trip

* *Are willing to make this trip a priority in* ***2020.*** *This means you will be putting the Missions Trip ahead of your other commitments unless specifically discussed with trip leaders.*
* Are **Year 11** in **2019**
* ***EITHER*** *are a sincere Christian* ***AND/OR*** *display character and values, which align with the purpose of the trip.*
* *Can articulate how this trip may contribute to their future studies and goals.*
* *Have the support of their family*.

**PROPOSED DATES/ITINERARY (WARNING: CLASHES WITH PRODUCTION 2020)**

* **General Outline**
	+ **Timeframe: Wednesday 1st July – Monday 13th July**
	+ **Destination: Nuku’alofa, Tonga**
* **Activities**
* **Forming relationships**
* **getting to know children and adults of a different culture who might have physical or mental challenges**
* **performing and singing**
* **menial labour**
* **possibly some construction/carpentry/painting/maintenance type activities**
* **journaling and sharing your stories and experiences with the group**
* **photography**
* **fundraising**
* **various forms of presentation at MGS and in various Tongan locations.**

**Background Information**

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| Surname  |  | Vertical Group  |  |
| Given Name  |  | Birthdate  |  |
| Home number  |  | Gender | *male / female*  |
| Cell number |  |
| Home Address |  |
|  |
| Home Email  |  |
| Nationality(As shown on passport) |  | Current Passport\* | Y / N  |
| Parent/Guardian Endorsement | As parent(s)/guardian(s) of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I (we) do fully endorse the application of our son/daughter for this trip  |
| Name of Guardian |  | Signature:  |  |
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**\*Your passport MUST NOT expire within 6 months of the trip. You will not be allowed to fly to Tonga if your passport expires within 6 months of the trip.**

**Health Information:** Provide brief details of any health-related issues for the person applying for this trip, e.g. diabetes, gluten-intolerance, asthma, allergies, injuries etc.

Write an application letter considering the following criteria:

**Your command of the English language is not a factor in the decision making process.**

* Your engagement with the purpose(s) of this trip.
* Reflection on your personal character qualities, skills and values; include comments on strengths and weaknesses.
* Past outreach or service experience that you’ve been involved with. In particular note any cross-cultural experience that you’ve had.
* Expectations of how this trip will contribute to your studies and personal goals for the future.
* Expectations of what activities I will be involved in.
* Considerations of fitting such a big commitment into your schedule without compromising your studies, family/church life or sanity!

**NEXT STEPS**

* Questions may be directed to Mr Lālahi**t.lalahi@middleton.school.nz**or **j.bisseker@middleton.school.nz**
* Organise to complete the two Referee Forms with personal referees. (eg/ pastor, youth leader, employer, family friend etc. (non-teaching staff)
* You may also request that we speak to specific staff members regarding your application
* Submit your application and ensure the referee forms are completed by **Friday Week 10, the 27th of September**

\* I understand that by putting in this application I am asking to be considered and this application does not guarantee acceptance.

\* Should I become part of the team, I understand that a deposit of **$500** must be paid and this will become non-refundable after November 22nd 2020 due to booking fees etc.

\* I understand that the Missions Trip **WILL** take priority over other commitments including a single Saturday meeting in Term 2, 2020

\* I understand that there will be fundraising opportunities that I **will** involve myself in.

\* I understand that being part of the team **requires** me to attend fortnightly meetings in Term 1 2020, and weekly meetings in Term 2, 2020 inside school time.

\* I am prepared to commit to the team building process leading up to the trip in a practical way and also in prayer.

**Pupil’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**